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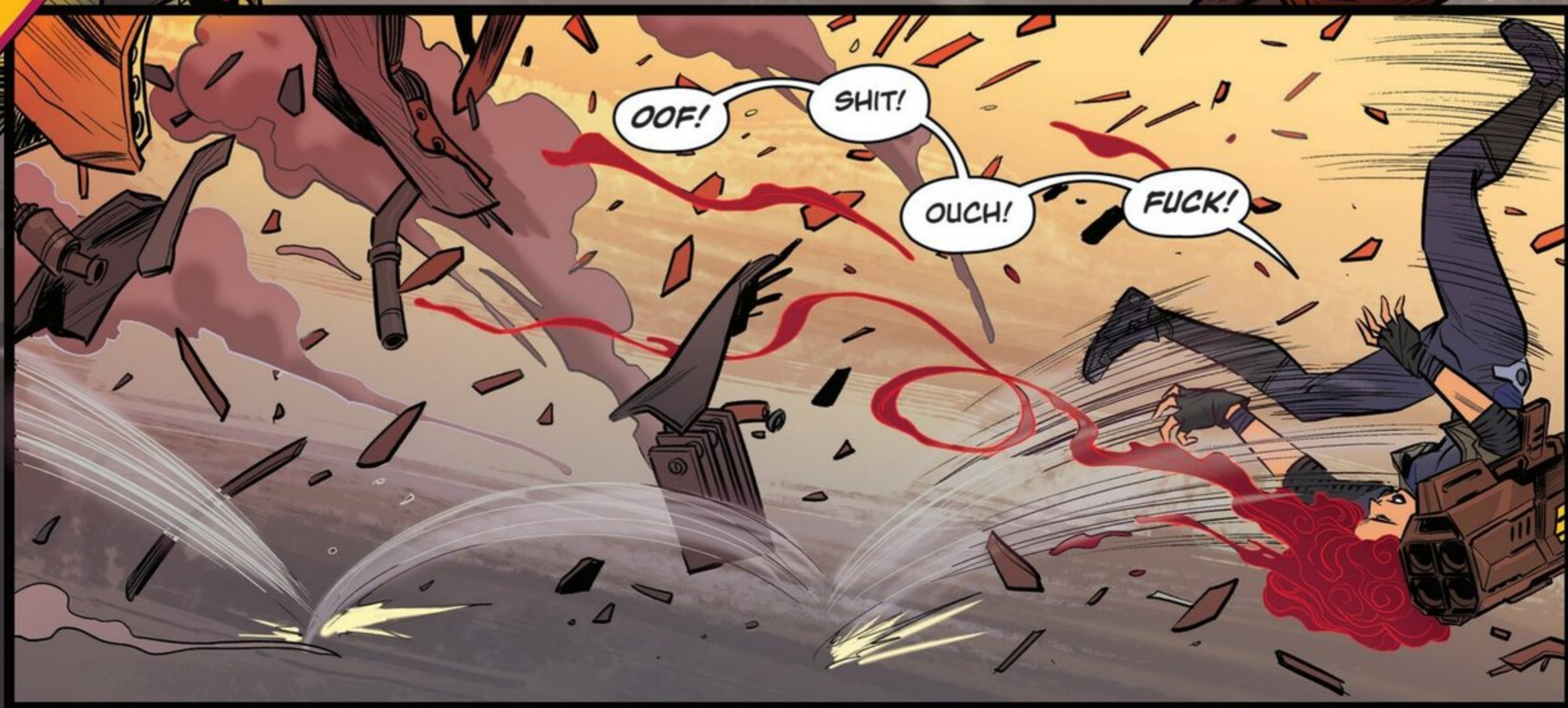
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HRMM.

UHHHH...

AKELDAMA,
THAT...

THAT'S ALL
THE BEEF
I'VE GOT.



YOU
SERVE THE
HUMANS?

I, UH,
FREELANCE,
YEAH.

WHY?



I DON'T, LIKE,
SERVE--

MY
PARENTS--

THE
HUMANS ARE
MY PEOPLE?



ARE
THEY?



...
WAIT, WHAT
THE **FUCK**
DOES THAT
MEAN?



HRM.



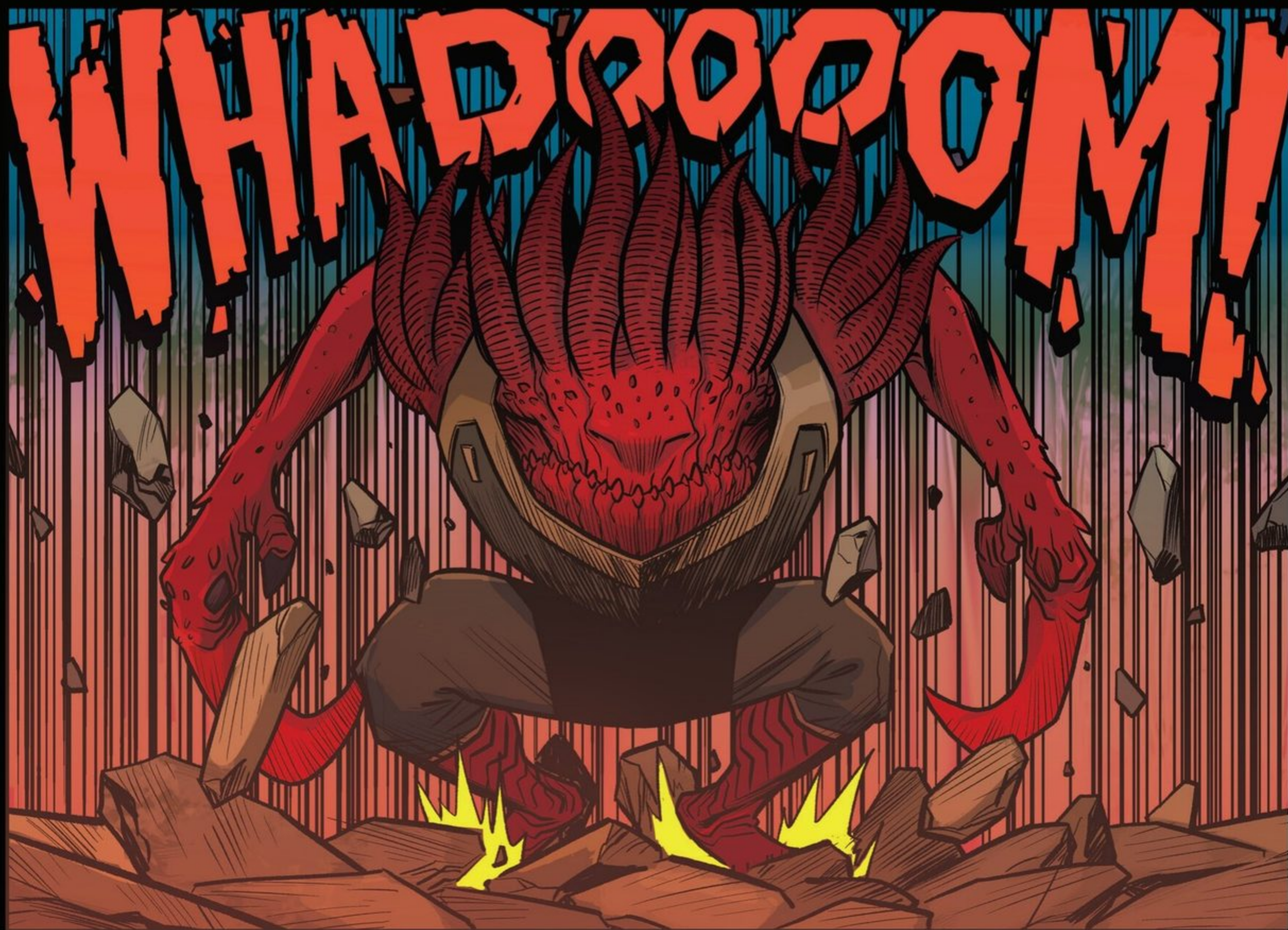
HUP!

WAIT!
STOP!



DID YOU
THINK THAT
WOULD
ACTUALLY
WORK?

SHUT UP.
SHUT UP.
SHUT UP.
SHUT UP.



WHADDOOM!





EH?

AH,
GODS.



TARGET
ACQUIRED.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.

TARGET
ACQUIRED.

INMATE!
COME ALONG
PEACEFULLY
BACK TO YOUR
CELL OR FEEL THE
FULL WEIGHT OF
HUMANITY'S
PEACEKEEPING
FORCES!



OH,
THANK
FUCK.

"LIE HERE AND
LET THE IPPF DEAL
WITH IT" IS, ACCORDING
TO MY VERY GOOD
COMPUTER BRAIN
CALCULATIONS, THE
BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE
STRATEGIES AT
THIS MOMENT.







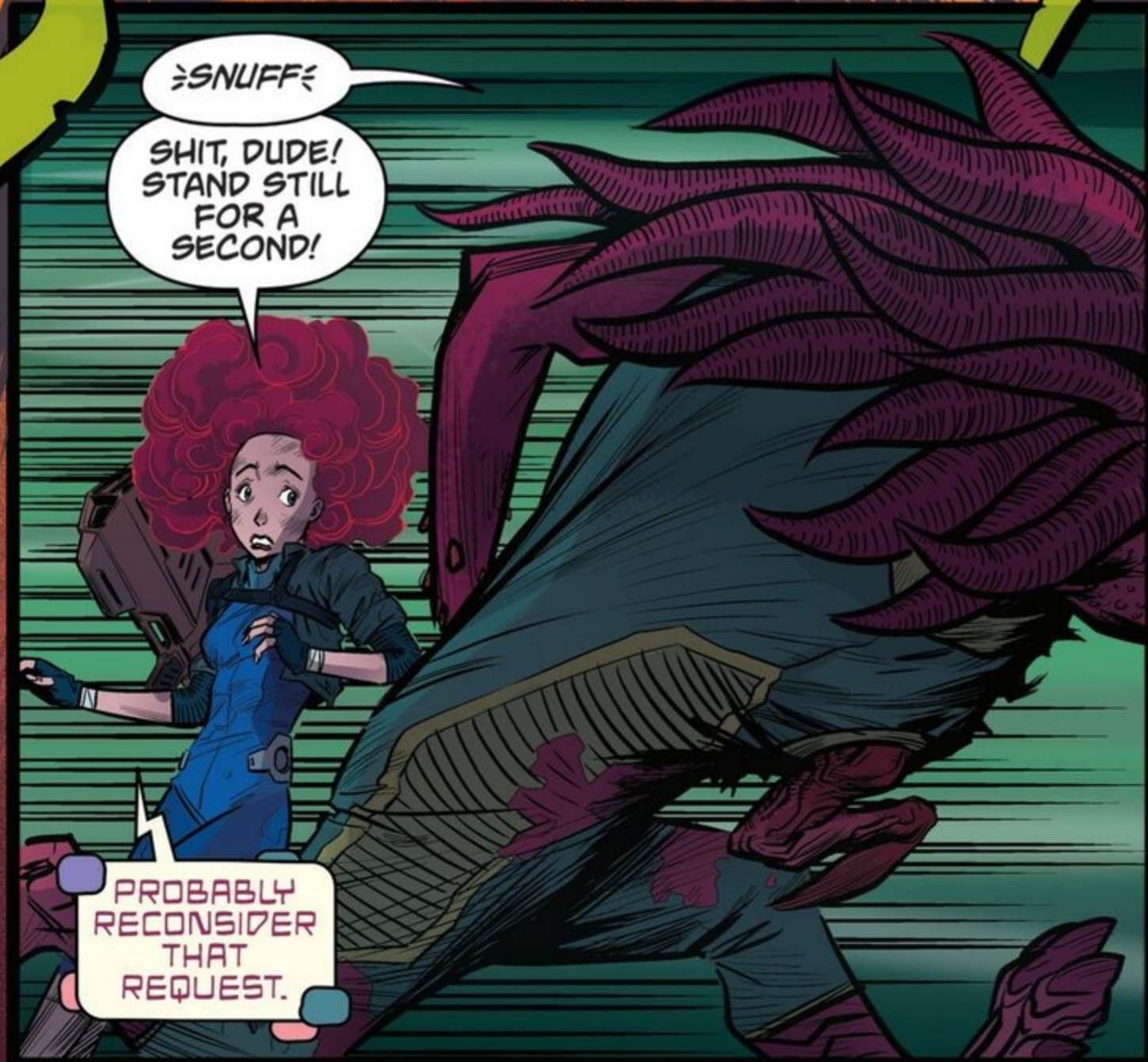




YOU.
HUMANS.



RRRRRAAAHHH!



SNUFF!
SHIT, DUDE!
STAND STILL
FOR A
SECOND!

PROBABLY
RECONSIDER
THAT
REQUEST.



YEAH,
GOOD
POINT.
STAND
STILL AND STOP
DOING
MURDERS!









--GREAT JOB, HONESTLY, BUT NOW I'M NOT SURE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. WE'RE DOWN A TON OF GOOD MEN.

CHIEF. ISN'T HE SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM NOW? THAT'S WHAT THUNDER SAID.



THE *GUN* SAID THAT, HUH?

NORMALLY IN THIS CASE, I WOULD AGREE. **FUCK** OTHER PLANETS.

BUT HERE'S WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW. WHAT VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW.



THAT SON OF A BITCH WAS IN PRISON IN THE FIRST PLACE BECAUSE HE WAS SEEKING OUT THE MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION KNOWN TO MAN.

GIVEN HIS HATE FOR HUMANS, I THINK I KNOW HOW HE WOULD USE IT.

AND NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE **FUCK** HE IS.



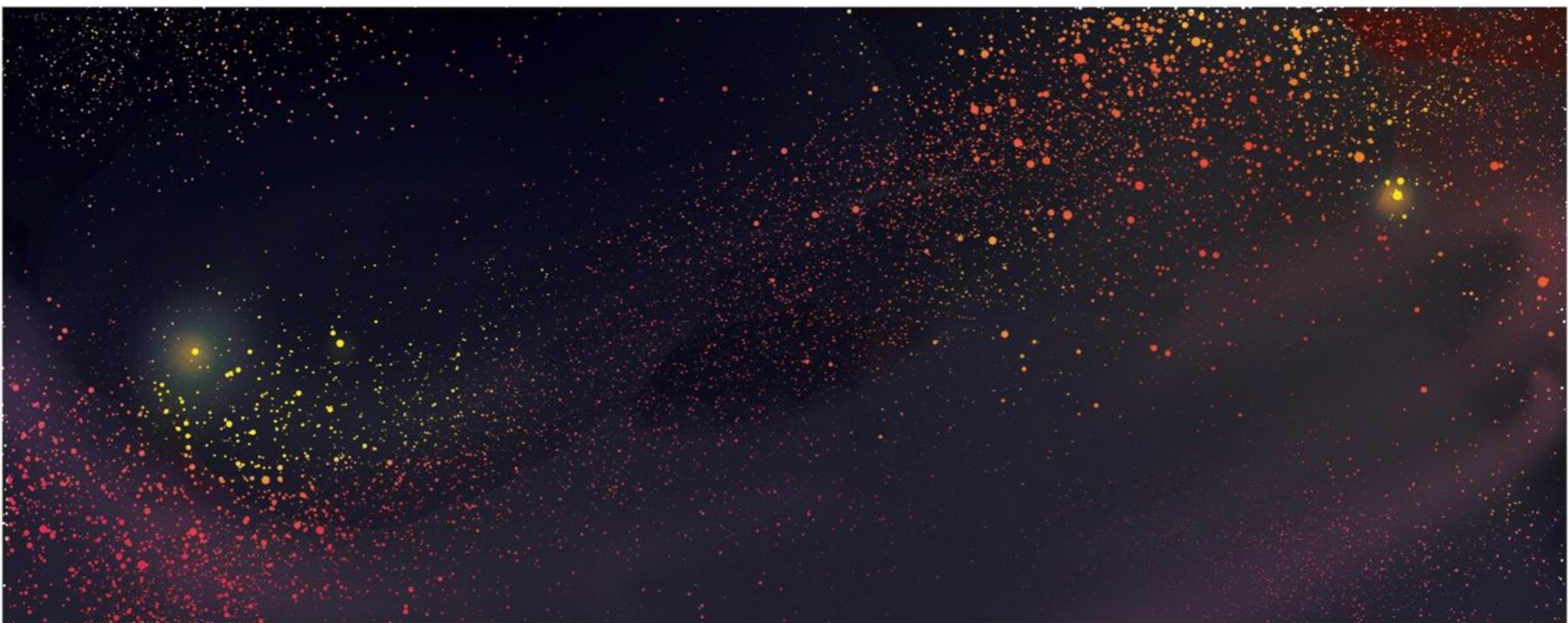
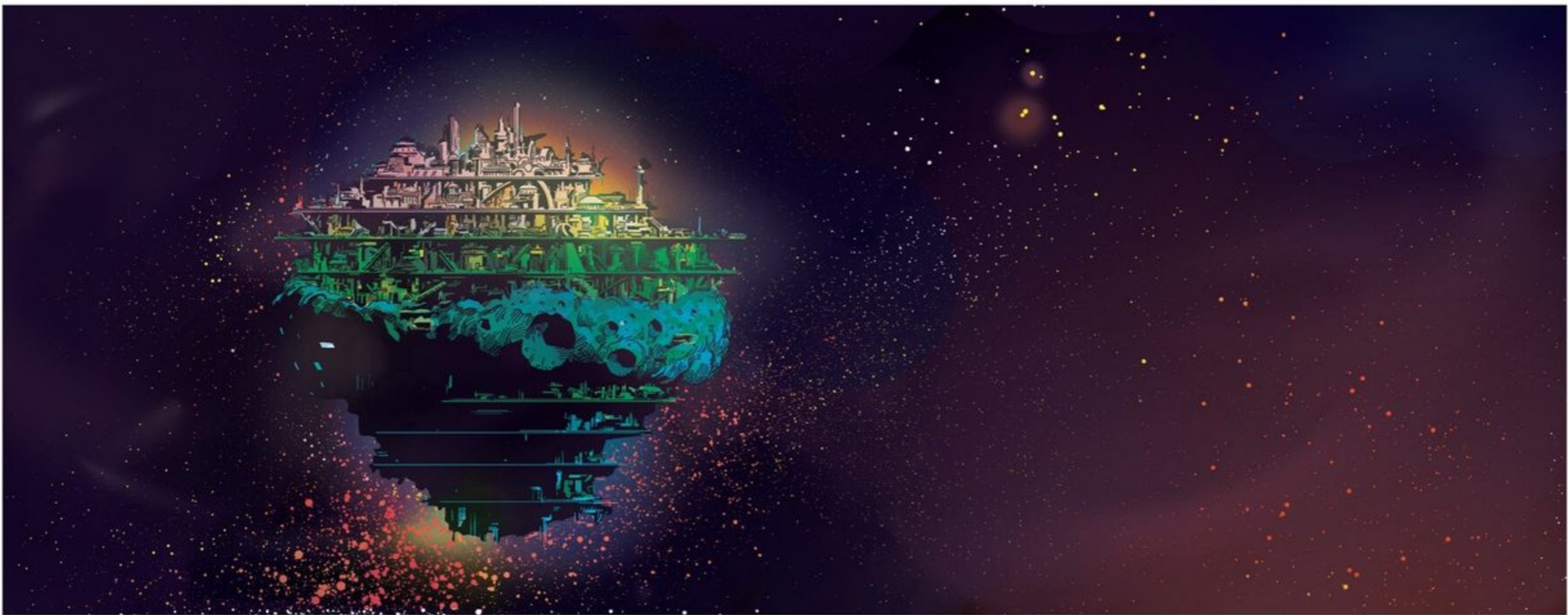
I KNOW. I CAN KNOW.

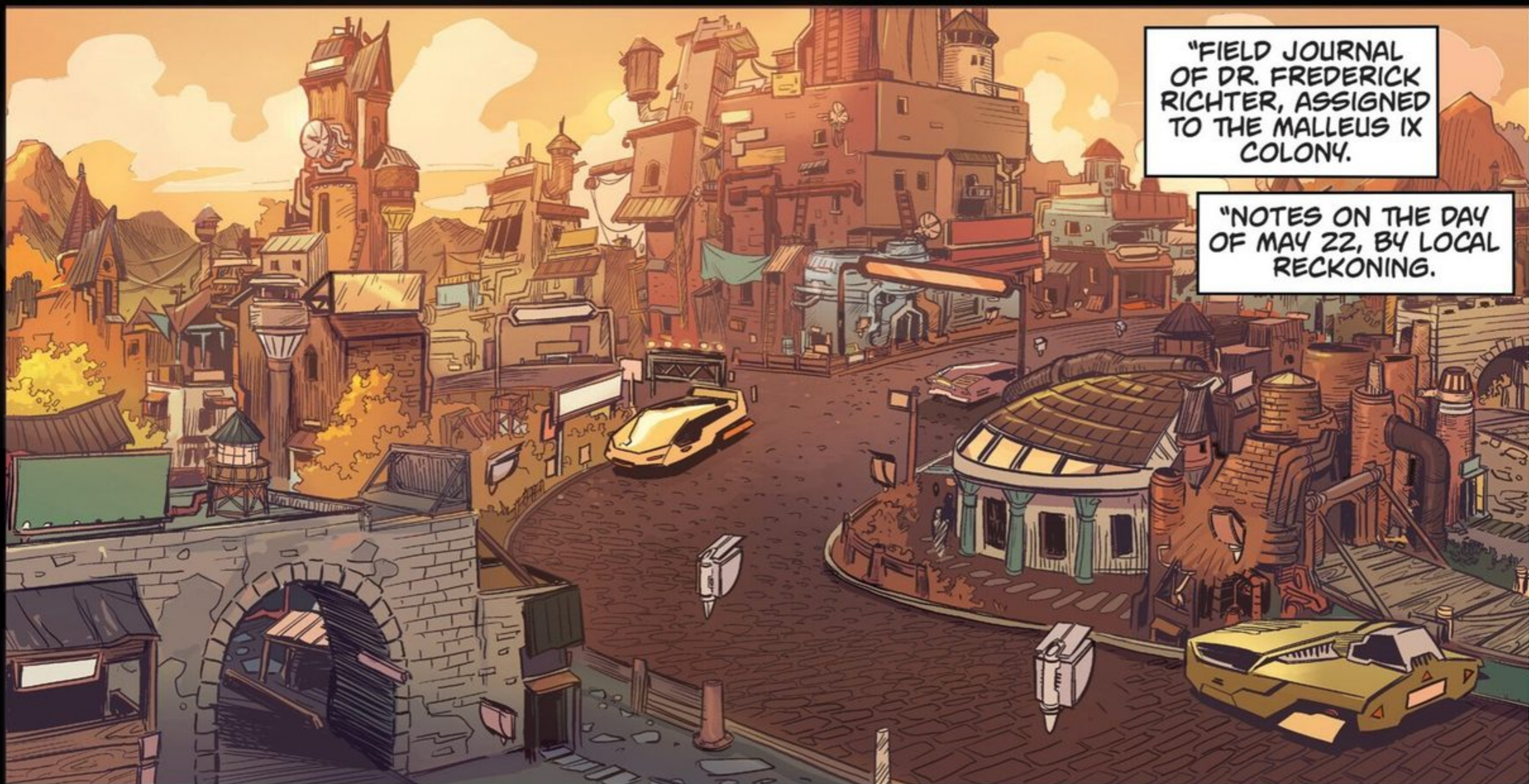
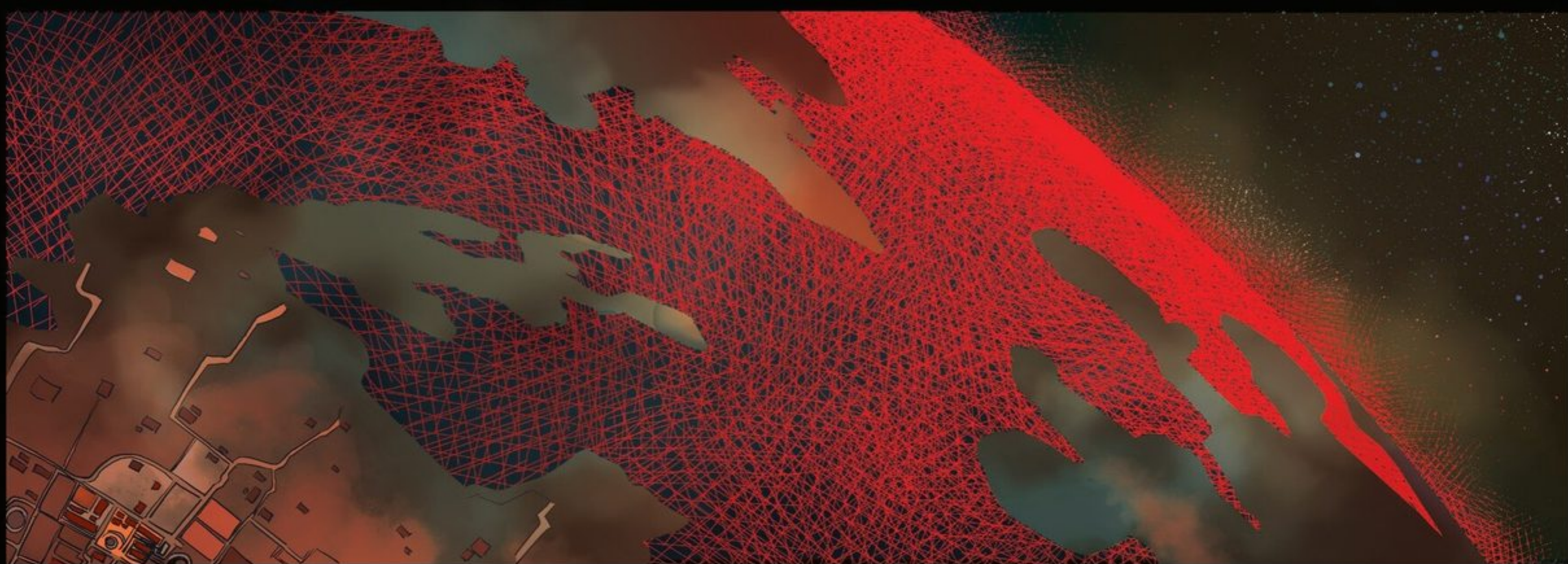
WHAT?

I PUT A TRACKER ON HIM. I **CAN** TRACK HIM FOR MILLIONS OF MILES.



I'M GOING TO **FUCKING** CATCH HIM.







MY WORK OF LATE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT INTERRUPTED BY A NEWLY SPRUNG FUROR AMONG THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY HERE ON THE COLONY.

IT SEEMS THERE IS A MYSTERY SURROUNDING A RASH OF BURGLARIES TARGETING THE MORE SCIENTIFICALLY MINDED OF THE COLONISTS.

HOMES HAVE BEEN INTRUDED UPON, RANSACKED, AND LEFT WITH SOME HASTE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BEASTLY LONG NIGHTS WE MUST ENDURE ON MALLEUS IX.



OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS JUST *WHAT* SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TARGETED IN THESE ENDEAVORS.

THE BURGLARS APPEAR TO BE MOST INTERESTED IN THE-- IF YOU'LL PARDON THE ARCHAISM--*LIBRARIES* OF THE HOMES INTO WHICH THEY ARE BREAKING.



AS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THIS SPECIFIC COLONY AND-- IF I MAY BOAST--AN ASTUTE OBSERVER OF LOCAL BEHAVIOR AND CULTURE, I AM PARTLY SURPRISED AND PARTLY UNSURPRISED AT THIS REVELATION.



I AM UNSURPRISED BECAUSE, DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE CHURCH AND OUR STEM TRAINING FACILITIES, THIS IS STILL A WORLD OF SAVAGES AND BEASTS.

THERE IS LITTLE WONDER THAT THEY WOULD RESORT TO LAWLESSNESS DESPITE THE ESTABLISHED HUMAN CIVILIZING PRESENCE HERE. A BEAST MUST BE TAMED, AND TAMING TAKES TIME.

GENERATIONS, PERHAPS.



WHAT SURPRISES ME IS THAT THESE FIENDS HAVE AN INTEREST IN BOOKS.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE STUDIED ARCHAEOLOGY, BOOKS ARE THE PHYSICAL MEDIA ON WHICH WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE WAS RECORDED PRIOR TO-- AND FOR A WHILE, EVEN CONTEMPORANEOUS TO--DIGITIZATION.



DUE TO THEIR BULK, THESE BOOKS MUST BE STORED IN AREAS KNOWN IN THE PAST AS "LIBRARIES". I MYSELF HAVE TWO SUCH AREAS IN MY COLONIAL BUNGALOW.



A LARGER, *PUBLIC* LIBRARY UPSTAIRS FULL OF MEANINGLESS ALIEN CLAPTRAP, VARIOUS PRIMITIVE PHILOSOPHIES AND TALES OF *GODS*, OF ALL THINGS.

BUT WITHIN THE WALLS OF MY LABORATORY, I KEEP A SMALLER, MORE CURATED COLLECTION OF FASCINATING... *ARCANA*, LET'S CALL IT.



SHUNK!

I HAVE EVERY INTENTION TO LEND MY PUBLIC COLLECTION TO THE STEM TEAM FOR DIGITIZATION AS WE ENDEAVOR TO ARCHIVE THE MENTAL RESOURCES OF THIS ALIEN CULTURE--

BUT THE *SECRET* LIBRARY MAY REMAIN PRECISELY THAT.



Welcome to the first BLOOD & THUNDER letters page! As you hopefully saw in Robert Kirkman's letter to all y'all in issue #1, this book's been a long time coming. This story's going to keep you on your toes for a long time to come. Time to crack open the mailbag — please keep sending in your thoughts, questions, and unhinged rants!

Awesome, Nachie! Benito here! My responses will look like THIS. Let's dive into the mail.

Hello Blood & Thunder Team,

Liquid locksmith? Ball busters!? Expando!!?? Thunder really packs all sorts of punches and I cannot wait to see what else this sentimental shooter is packing! And the way physical books have become obsolete in this futuristic asteroid city? Absolutely bonkers. I am very much looking forward to delving deeper into this world y'all have so masterfully created.

Before I sign off, I've gotta ask: new comics means new letters pages, right? So here goes a few suggestions:

- Metro Mail
- Lightning Round
- Typings from the Tiers
- Thunder's Bleeding Heart

May we all be Skybound,
Max

After issue #1, a lot of people said something along the lines of enjoying the idea of Metro 1 and looking forward to the book spending some time in that world. Well: I hope you all also like some other different worlds as well. ::cough::

Hello Team Blood and Thunder!

I just want to start out this letter by saying how much I loved reading this book. I can't say I've ever seen a buddy cop story where one of the buddies was a sentient gun, but I'm happy to see an old set-up given fresh life. It's also been a while since I've seen a new book by either Benito Cereno and E.J. Su, and it's great to see them both on top form here. I have a couple of other miscellaneous things I want to say, but I think the biggest thing I want to mention is how I can't wait to see where the book goes next.

Until we meet again,
Owen Seyler

P.S. If you are looking for potential names for the letters column, might I suggest Storm Central? (Given

its relation to the Thunder portion of the Blood and Thunder title)

If you have more to say, Owen, don't hold back (that goes for the rest of you non-Owen people as well: bloodandthunder@skybound.com, send us your thoughts, and send us your letters column names!)

It has been a while since I headlined a new comic series, but I hope in the meantime you've been following my other work in podcasts, non-comics writing, and Patreon. (You can still join my Patreon. Even for free.)

Just read issue 1 of blood and thunder after seeing the preview in battle beast, the A.I gun idea realllly intrigued me, reminded me of Scribblenauts that I played when I was younger, for those that aren't aware, it was a game designed around the player typing into a text box and the game would begin that thing to life. So yeah after reading that little snippet I just had to read more, certainly a brilliant idea you've thought up here with a fascinating world that's already been established this soon on, it has some real deep ideas right down to the book burning and literal hierarchy and societal levels. Looking forward to reading more of this alien named blood and her fancy not-so-hair hair

- Harvey

Blood's would avoid typing into Thunder, and they'd both probably be happy to not have to deal with spamming the jetpack. After reading this issue, can you can guess what her go-to would be? (Hint: rhymes with "leafy koi")

I would sometimes get bored of using the jetpack for everything in Scribblenauts, so I started summoning an Archeopteryx to fly over all the obstacles.

Next issue: The universe gets bigger, stranger and possibly filled with even more murders!

-Nachie Marsham

See you all next month!

-Benito Cereno

It's going to be a very cool interlude story next month! Get excited for something very different-- but very important to the overall story. And yeah, I was lurking in this letters column the whole time and you probably didn't even realize!

-Robert Kirkman

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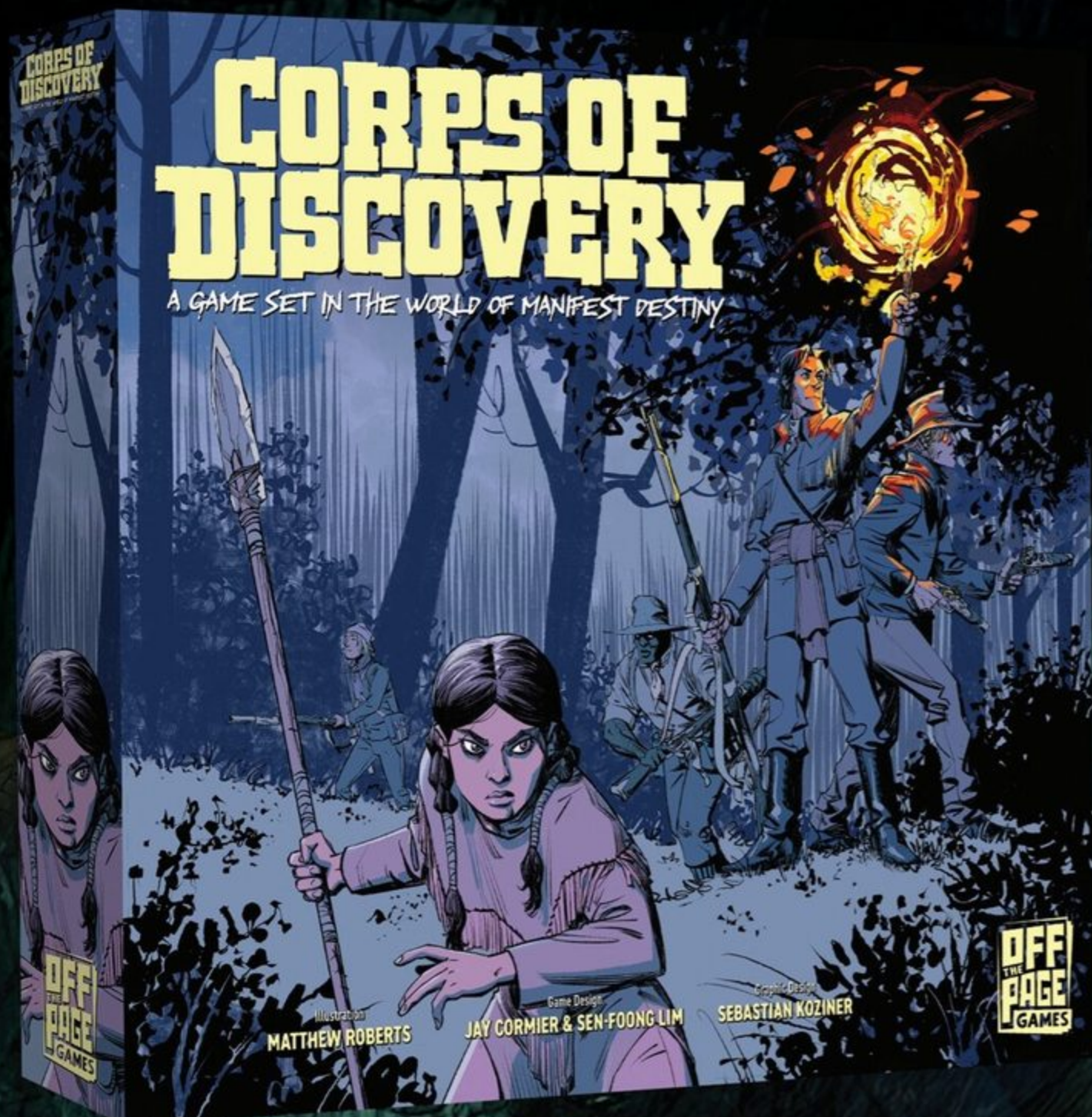
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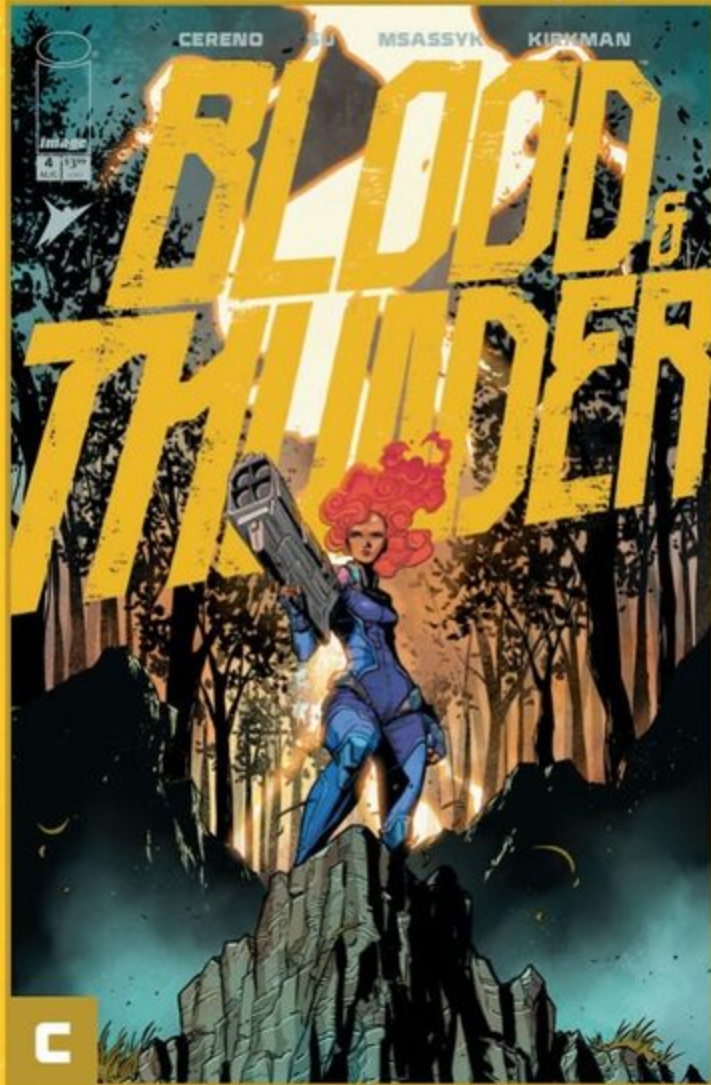


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